

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 ANKARA 01454 250627Z

13

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 FEA-01

ACDA-05 AGR-05 AID-05 CEA-01 CEQ-01 CG-00 CIEP-01

OFA-01 COME-00 DLOS-04 DOTE-00 EB-07 EPA-01 ERDA-05

FMC-01 TRSE-00 INT-05 IO-11 JUSE-00 NSF-01 OES-03

OMB-01 SAL-01 /119 W

----- 122385

R 241410Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY ANKARA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2551

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

AMCONSUL ADANA

AMCONSUL ISTANBUL

AMCONSUL IZMIR

USDOCOSOUTH

USDOCOALSE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ANKARA 1454

E.O. 11652: /A

TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, PINT, TU

SUBJ: ECEVIT CRITICIZES DEMIREL GOVERNMENT AEGEAN AND NATURAL
RESOURCE POLICIES

1. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP)CHAIRMAN ECEVIT,
SPEAKING FEBRUARY 23 AT A CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY THE TURKISH
GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, CRITICIZED THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT FOR NOT
DEMONSTRATING "TRUE NATIONALISM" IN THE DEFENSE OF TURKISH
RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN AND IN THE EXPLOITATION OF TURKEY'S
NATURAL RESOURCES.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 ANKARA 01454 250627Z

2. CONCERNING THE AEGEAN, HE CONTRASTED HIS RECORD AS PRIME MINISTER WITH THAT OF DEMIREL. THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT INITIATED EXPLORATION OF TURKEY'S AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF, TO WHICH HE ASSERTED, "TURKEY'S RIGHT IS SO CLEAR AND DEFINITE THAT WHEN WE SENT OUR SHIPS FOR EXPLORATION, NO ONE HAD THE AUDACITY TO PREVENT US." UNDER THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT, "WE HAVE ABANDONED FOR OVER ONE YEAR THE PURSUIT OF OUR RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN, EXPLORATION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH HAS STOPPED AND IN THE MEANTIME THE BALANCE OF POWER DAILY CHANGES AGAINST US. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ONE WHO NEGLECTS OUR NATIONAL RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN TO SUCH AN EXTENT CANNOT BE A NATIONALIST."

3. ECEVIT ALSO CHARGED THAT THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT ALSO DID NOT MEET THE STANDARDS OF "TRUE NATIONALISM" SINCE IT FAILED TO DEVELOP THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COUNTRY TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL INTERESTS AND SOVEREIGNTY. PARTICULARLY WATER POWER AND COAL RESOURCES HAD NOT BEEN DEVELOPED WHILE TURKEY'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES WERE BEING DEPLETED BY THE IMPORTATION OF PETROLEUM FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION. CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO "RUN" AFTER FOREIGN LOANS AND CREDITS WHICH WERE GRANTED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF "MORTGAGING" TURKEY'S NATURAL RESOURCES. ECEVIT CITED A 1913 REPORT OF THEN AMBASSADOR MORGENTHAU WHICH ALLEGEDLY STATED THAT, "THE AIM OF THE BIG POWERS IN THE PROMISE OF MORAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE TURKEY'S FINANCIAL SITUATION AND ADMINISTRATION IS TO MORTGAGE TURKEY'S EXCEEDINGLY VALUABLE UNDERGROUND RESOURCES AND PUT THEM UNDER INTERNATIONAL CONTROL." THE REPORT, HE SAID, ARGUED THAT THE USG SHOULD BEGIN TO MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS. ECEVIT ASSERTED THAT, "THE MORE WE NEED FOREIGN AID, THE STRONGER WILL BE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN TO MORTGAGE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES" AND SUGGESTED THE BC PROJECT LOANS HAD THIS DANGER. "I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT," ECEVIT SAID, "THAT ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE IS THE MAIN FACTOR IN NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE IN OUR TIME."

4. COMMENT: ECEVIT'S CRITICISMS ARE CONSISTENT WITH POSITIONS HE HAS TAKEN IN THE PAST AND THAT RPP SPOKESMEN HAVE USED DURING THE CURRENT BUDGET DEBATES. ALTHOUGH ECEVIT DID NOT MENTION THE TURKISH AIR AND NAVAL MANEUVERS IN THE AEGEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 ANKARA 01454 250627Z

SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 25-26, HIS COMMENTS IN EFFECT PUT THE GOVERNMENT ON NOTICE THAT ANY FAILURE TO FULLY DEFEND TURKISH RIGHTS WILL DEMONSTRATE ITS LACK OF "TRUE NATIONALISM." MACOMBER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NATURAL RESOURCES, TERRITORIAL WATERS, POLICIES, NATIONALISM, POLITICAL LEADERS, SPEECHES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976ANKARA01454
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760070-0616
From: ANKARA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760221/aaaaarzf.tel
Line Count: 111
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 APR 2004 by ShawDG>; RELEASED <14 APR 2004 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <15 APR 2004 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ECEVIT CRITICIZES DEMIREL GOVERNMENT AEGEAN AND NATURAL RESOURCE POLICIES
TAGS: PFOR, PLOS, PINT, TU, RPP, (ECEVIT, BULENT)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006